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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.**

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/508,516
<i>Filing Date</i>	June 8, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Bebbington, et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1632
<i>Examiner Name</i>	M. Wilson
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	674523-2021

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees      The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed for the following:
 

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ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:2801
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	375.00 OP
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Dear Sir:

This is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Office Action, mailed on February 19, 2003, setting a three-month period for reply.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the period for the reply be extended by two months, i.e., to up to and including July 19, 2003. A check for \$205.00 (small entity) in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.